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NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2021

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At the beginning of the summer, we embarked on a journey that has led us through the Apostles' Creed. Essentially line by line. We'll finish in October and turn our attention elsewhere in the Word of God. For the Apostles' Creed, it has been a time of learning – learning from where each phrase and line originates; learning how the words interconnect, mesh, and feed into one another. In some ways it's been a journey back to our Sunday school classes or confirmation where we learned about the Apostles' Creed the first time.

These are words of hope and promise. This is a promise of what has been, what is to come, and what will be. Do we believe this? Will our faith in God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and the eternal life they have blessed us with be ours? What do you believe?

~Pastor Patrick



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PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**COME JOIN US,
GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**October 3rd ~Communion~
Neighbors In Need Special Offering**

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship,
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship,
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

October 10

St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

October 17

**Mission Fest & Ham Dinner at St. James
Worship—10:00am
No Sunday School**

St. Mark's-NO Worship or Sunday
School today (come to St. James)

October 24th & 31st

St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

Sunday bulletins and links to prayer requests are posted under the "messages" link on our church website:
<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>



October 24th we will be welcoming new members into both St. James and St. Mark's congregation.

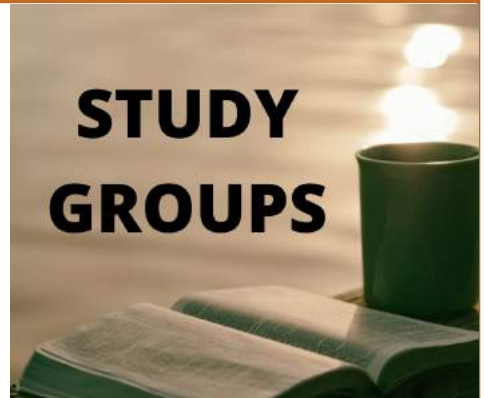
We are delighted to be adding to our church family. Please make every effort you can to be at either St. James or St. Mark's service(s) to welcome our newest family members. Stay after the services for fellowship, refreshments, cake...

With summer over, I am renewing our study group time together. These studies have an overarching theme of "Going Deeper" – deeper in our understanding of the Bible, the stories being told, the characters we read of, and what it means to how we live our lives today. It also means going deeper in our relationship with God, and our relationship with one another.

I will be leading the study of Luke, picking up where we left off last year. This is an in depth look at Luke and the second half of the book.

I will also begin a second study as an introduction to (or getting acquainted with) the Bible. This is open to all ages – teens, young men and women, and the older generations like me. This is a great place to start if you are not very familiar with the Bible: the two testaments; the various books, epistles (letters) and characters.

If you are interested in a study group or would like to see a study of some other biblical topic, section of the bible, characters or event of the bible, email me at schultzpw@gmail.com or the church office at stmstjoffice@gmail.com or call 920-693-8361 to let us know of your interest.



Thank you to all of the generous donors who gave money toward the St. Mark's bell tower roof repair. The bill was paid in full without needing to use any of our operating funds. We are blessed!

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from **VISION OF HOPE** Committee members, or under "More" on our website. We Welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semi-annual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.



PLEASE NOTE THAT A PRIVACY SECTION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FORM. Effective Jan. 1, 2021, old forms without a completed "privacy choice" section will not be accepted.

The next Vision of Hope Committee meeting is on Monday, October 4th, at St. James at 6:30pm.

STUDENTS: Use the "Application for Funding" form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

September 2021

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are writing to you on behalf of the United Church Men and Women (UCMW).

First and foremost, we want to express our sincere appreciation to all the churches and individuals who have provided financial support to the UCMW Scholarship Fund. Your support is a testament to your commitment to provide financial support to those who are studying for parish ministry, chaplaincy ministry, and leadership positions in the United Church of Christ. Your financial support also makes it possible for UCMW to award pastoral care grants to active clergy serving in our local congregations.

Traditionally, United Church Men and Women has held an annual in-person Scholarship Presentation Banquet. On Thursday, October 21, at 6:30, there will be an in-person banquet in the dining hall at Grace Congregational UCC, 2801 Garfield St., Two Rivers. After the meal, the program will take place in the sanctuary. There will be a keynote speaker, music, and awarding of scholarships. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Julie Mavity Maddalena from Lakeland University. Music will be provided by Grace Congregational UCC and by First Congregational UCC of Sheboygan. Mask wearing and social distancing will be followed.

Thanks to the faithful generosity of the UCC churches in our region and visionary financial gifts given by many individuals who support the scholarship fund, five scholarships were presented last year.

Please consider attending the October 21 banquet. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased from Lori Roelse or Scott Henschel. Purchases need to be made by October 13. Contributions toward the scholarship fund are also welcomed.

Yours in Christ's Service,

United Church Men & Women Leadership Team

Rev. Nathan Athorp, Rev. Diane Cayemberg, Doug Charles, Darryl Gumm, Scott Henschel, Barb Post, Lori Roelse



Adopt A Highway (Roadside Clean-up) has been set for Saturday, October 2 at 8 am. We will meet at the St. James shed. Anyone may participate, but if you are younger than 11 you will need parental supervision. A rain date is set for Sunday, October 3 after church and before the Packer game. We are designated to pick up the area from the first part of CTH XX to CTH X.

Any questions please feel free to contact Michelle Mauk at 920-980-3484.

Credit Card Mission ~ St. Mark's

A suggestion was made by one of our members to collect Walmart gift cards to be donated to the Afghanistan people currently residing at Ft McCoy. St Mark's consistory discussed and approved to participate in this endeavor.

If you wish to participate, you may either purchase gift cards and put them in the offering plate or donate money or a check in an offering envelope marked "Afghan families" and we will purchase gift cards for you. Any denomination is acceptable. We will continue to collect the cards until further notice as we do not know at this time how long the families will be there.

Thank you for your consideration and for helping us in this worthwhile project.

St Mark's Consistory

Neighbors in Need Offering

October 3, 2021

October 3 is designated for Neighbors in Need. There are no special envelopes this year. Please place your offerings in a regular church envelope marking NIN in the other category.

Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2021, this offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.



"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

DEUTERONOMY 15:11

Crop Walk October 10

Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 10, starting at Memorial Park in Howards Grove. Two mile and four mile courses will be laid out. Registration begins at noon. We are looking for walkers and donations.

A table will be set up at St Mark's on October 3 and 10 for both those purposes. It is a fun time. Please consider participating this year. In 2021, the focus is to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement, and other concerns that that leave people hungry throughout the world.



Even though I had to plant the garden twice due to the spring wet weather, I've still been able to donate several times to the Sheboygan County Food Bank. They are always so appreciative of receiving fresh produce since most of what they give to their clients is canned or boxed. Lettuce, tomatoes, peas, cucumbers, zucchini, tatsoi, carrots, beets, potatoes, watermelon...they've all thrived in the expanded garden space and, while we as a family eat some of it, we definitely have plenty to donate!

Thank you to the church consistory for agreeing to my request to double the size of the garden from what it was last year. Many people have struggled in these pandemic times, and will likely continue to in the year ahead. Every little bit helps!

Blessings,

Brenda Schultz

Calling all High School Youth...

On Sunday, October 3 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. the high school youth of both churches are invited to a meal, games, and discussion at St. Mark's UCC. On the menu-- hotdogs, corn on the cob, baked beans, and Raymond's grandmother's famous fruit salad:) Come join us for some good food and fun and bring a friend! RSVP by Friday, October 1 to schultzbrenda@gmail.com so that I'll be sure to have enough food. Up for discussion: The sometimes "domino" effect of our decisions, and our first "field trip" ..Hope to see everyone there!

Sunday October 17 the high school youth of both churches are invited to a meal, games, and discussion at St James UCC. Menu to be decided soon! RSVP by Friday October 15 to my email address.

Blessings to all,
Brenda Schultz



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization



Bulletin Bites October 2021

- ◆ Bridgeway could use the following items: hand warmers, aluminum foil, Kwik Trip gas cards, and bleach.
- The Farmers Market continues until the end of October! Use your Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers and Double Your Bucks vouchers before they expire to purchase apples, beets, carrots, onions, potatoes, winter squash and more! Use your EBT tokens to buy eggs, honey, maple syrup, meat, and bread. See you at the market!
- Bridgeway & Beyond Update: We have maintained a full house with 11 moms and kiddos in the program. With the start of the school year, we are grateful for more structure and routine to stabilize family schedules. The mental health needs of our families are significant, so we continue to collaborate with programs such as PATH, Children Community Option Program and various social workers. Our moms continue to work on their goals of reducing debt, pursuing education, and seeking affordable housing on their journey to self-sufficiency.

St. James Sunday School News

Teachers welcomed students back on Sept. 19th with games and snacks. Andrew Nye is our new preschooler, his parents are Thomas and Nancy. Our confirmation students this year are Everit Gumm and Williem Langehahn. Sunday School teachers are Amanda Russart, Henry Langenhahn, Scott Henschel and Sandy Beiersdorf. Thank you teachers for your commitment!



There is no Sunday School on Sunday, October 17th due to Mission Fest.



Outreach has donated to Raymond Henschel's Humane Society drive. Discussion was had about up and coming donations and meeting those financial needs.

Christine Gumm will head up our fundraising of Seroogy's candy for the year! More information to follow, thank you Christine for your time!



Any questions may be directed to Sandy Beiersdorf at 920-693-8000 or sandrabeiersdor@gmail.com

Pumpkin Prayer



Cut off the top:

Lord, open my mind and fill me with Your wisdom and guidance.

Scoop out the yuckies:

Lord, take out all my fussies and frownies and fill me with Your love.

Carve out the eyes:

Lord, open my eyes to see all of the beautiful things You have made.

Carve out the nose:

Lord, help me to be a sweet fragrance for You.

Carve out the mouth:

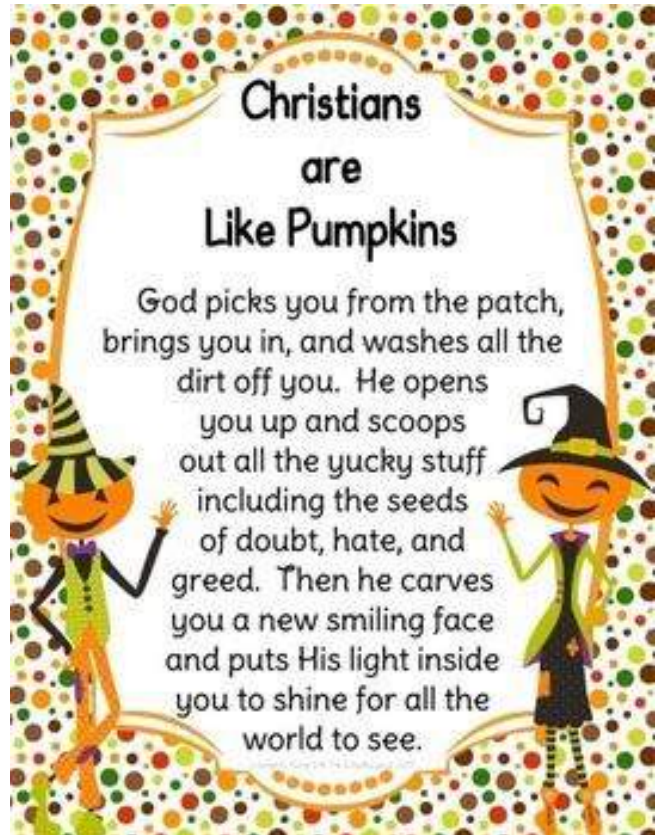
Lord, help me to always speak Your words of love and kindness.

Place in a candle:

Lord, let me be a light to others For You have filled me with Your light.

Christians are Like Pumpkins

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.



ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETINGS

September 8, 2021 6:30

The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. Members present were David Lorfeld - Vice-President, Wendy Henschel - Treasurer, Deb La Duke - Secretary, Tammy Serketich, Jamey Binversie, and Pastor Patrick Schultz who led the group in prayer.

Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Wendy and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jamey and seconded by David. Motion carried. The budget will be reviewed for yearly comparisons at our October meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor reviewed his plans and policies for Confirmation class. Discussion on attendance and assignment requirements followed. September 29, 2021 is a Confirmation event at Lakeland University. St. Mark's members will be joining us for the 9/26 Sunday service. The traffic from the Ryder Cup Tournament makes it difficult to navigate to the church parking lot. We will also enjoy a performance from Allyson and Amanda Wasmer.

We discussed Chapter 4 of Just Say Yes. Chapter 5 for next month.

Building and Grounds:

We are looking to add railings to the front of church. Estimates are being collected. Jamey and Clarence continue to work on the installation of the stained glass windows. Thank you to Brian and Wendy Henschel for their continued work on the bushes and plants outside. They look beautiful! The urinal in the Men's bathroom is in need of repair. Jamey will monitor and help with the repair when needed.

Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope - no meeting

Stewardship Committee - no meeting

Christian Board of Education - Welcome back Sandy Beiersdorf, Henry Langenhahn, Amanda Russart, and Scott Henschel! Sunday School will resume on September 19th and we will also have Teacher Installation on that Sunday. A welcome back letter will be sent to Parents outlining the year. They will alternate with the church service again this year.

Service Committee - no meeting

Audio Visual - Pastor is using a new head set with microphone. Works well!

Old Business: none

New Business: Sohn's have offered to clean the church again this fall. Thank you Cindy and Randy!! World Wide Communion is on October 3. CROP Walk is on October 10. Doris Sprenger is Coordinator again. Thank you Doris! The Consistory has decided to offer Mission Fest dinners through Take-Out only this year because of current public health concerns. We will use the shed as the main pick up area. Discussion continues with regard to scheduling, donations, and purchasing of food and supplies for the October 17th event. We are considering changing the Ushering list to a sign-up system vs. asking all members to participate. Discussion continues.

Next Meeting: October 7 - 6:30

Motion to adjourn was made by Deb and seconded by Wendy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb La Duke - Secretary



Our sympathy to Dorothy & Bill Mueller on the death of Dorothy's brother, Henry Bohne, Jr. of Bellevue, WA.

Memorial Services at St. James UCC, Spring Valley will be held on October 7, 2021 with visitation at 10:00am and memorial services at 11am.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

September 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by president, Lori Roelse. Members present: Pastor Schultz, Dave Call, Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, and Judy Steinbeck.

The Secretary's and Financial Secretary's reports were reviewed and accepted by Glenn and seconded by Dave.

Building and Grounds:

The bell tower project is completed and paid in full by generous donations from church members. The shower door in the parsonage is in the process of being ordered. Waterproofing the tin roof on the airing porch is completed but the railing needs to be replaced on the porch.

Mission Fest is 11/14/21. Due to not wanting to prepare food during increased covid concerns there will be no food at Mission Fest this year.

Pastor is looking for confirmation mentors for four to six students.

Discussed expectation ideas for those kids who miss confirmation class due to other commitments. Sending kits home with paperwork to complete for the next week is being considered. Three excused absences will be allowed.

Communion plans were made for service on 10/3/21.

On 9/26/21 there will be a joint service at St. James at 9 a.m. and no service at St. Mark's due to the high volumes of traffic from the Ryder Cup.

Regarding covid, we will continue to keep pews separated, the offering basket will stay in the back and will have greeters instead of ushers.

We will accept Walmart gift cards to put in the offering plate to support the Afghan refugees. Cards will be sent to the chaplain at Fort McCoy. We will be collecting cards for several months.

The United Church Men and Women's banquet will be on 10/21/21. It supports those who are studying in the pastoral field. It is being held this year at Grace UCC in Two Rivers. Lori and Pastor will be attending and feels it will be our turn soon to host at our church. Tickets are \$18 each.

Candlelighters will start lighting candles in church starting in October.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th at 6:30 pm.

Dave made a motion to adjourn and Glenn seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

ST. JAMES USHERS

OCTOBER

*Jon & Diane Luckow
Karra Cina
Jamie & Heather Henschel
Richard & Sarah Lutze
Camryn Spindler
Cheyenne Spindler
Mike Spindler
Mary Ann Vogel
Geraldine Scheffler

NOVEMBER

*Alan Wippermann
Amy Christianson
Alyssa Grotegut
Ashley Grotegut
Kim Grotegut
Christopher Grotegut
Vernon & Jean Henschel
Steve Henschel

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at: 920-693-8361.

There have been some changes to the confidentiality laws. These changes make it difficult for pastors to obtain information about anyone in the hospital. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, please call the church office 920-693-8361 or contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858.

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

OCTOBER

Sandy Perronne*
Pat Flook
Noreen Flook
Mark Jurk

NOVEMBER

Jerry Jetzer*
Louise Jetzer
Marlene Kammann
Jane Vandoske

CANDLE LIGHTERS

OCTOBER

3-Bryce Schnelle, Colten Sommer
10-Brianne & Brooklyn Vandoske
17 Colten Scharl, Wyatt Scharl
24 Peter Grunwald, Reid Vandoske

NOVEMBER

7 Annabelle Uttech,
Sierra Bramstedt
14 Colten Scharl, Wyatt Scharl
21 Colten Sommer, Zander Miota
28 Brianne & Reid Vandoske

ST. JAMES CHOIR

St. James choir practice is on Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 starting at 6:30pm. Come join us!



ST. JAMES MISSION FEST

This year's Mission Fest will be on October 17th and Carry-Out only.

We are asking members to please donate apple or pumpkin pies. (cut into 6 pieces)



We will have sign-up sheets in church or you can contact Wendy Henschel at henschel4@yahoo.com or 920-918-4520.

Pies can be dropped off at church on Saturday morning October 16th from 9-12 or Sunday, October 17th before 10:00 service.

ST JAMES OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackie Mueller
- 3 Diane Luckow
- 7 ValJean Marcoe
- 8 William Luebke
- 9 Joanne Fessler
- 20 Joe Klapperich
Aric Jump
- 21 Chelsea Langenhahn
- 24 Donald Hemb
- 27 Wendy Henschel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lee & Terri Schmitz
- 8 Mike & Kristin Zolltheis
- 12 James & Michelle Luckow
- 13 Jim & Karen Becker
- 14 Vernon & Jean Henschel
Rieck & Sandra Beiersdorf
- 16 Zachary & Sadie Koenig
- 17 Ben & Cheyenne Behnke
- 19 Cameron & Marissa
Fitzgerald
- 20 Milton & LaVern
Wippermann
- 26 Clarence & Heidi Belitz
- 29 Mark & Kathy Stolzmann

Pastor Patrick has designated Tuesdays & Fridays as his day of Sabbath and his day out of the office. During those two days each week, you may contact him in case of an emergency only at 608-352-9544.

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Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	St. James	St. Mark's
24	September 5	37
32	September 12	43
38	September 29	55
46	September 26	no services

ST MARK'S OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bruce Karstaedt
Sandra Stark
- 2 Kevin Kellner
- 9 Colten Sommer
- 10 Kay Bitter
- 11 Christine Hayon
- 12 Kathy Jurk
- 14 Sandy Perronne
Wendy Schueler
- 15 Denise Heling
- 20 Todd Grunwald
- 24 Marlee Strynick
Dawson Strynick
- 25 Brooklyn Vandoske
- 26 Cindy Call
Robert Vandoske
- 29 Bonnie Schuette
- 30 Colton Scharl

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Jay & Kayla Sommer
- 12 Jon & Julie Herrmann
Andy & Hannah Roelse
- 22 William & Lori Roelse
- 23 Jim & Christine Hayon
- 24 Todd & Jody Binversie

St. James UCC

13312 Pioneer Rd, Newton, WI 53063

Ham Dinner Carry outs only

Sunday, October 17, 2021

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please join us in worship at 10:00am
Guest Speaker: Pam Wittkopp – Dogs2DogTags

Dinner will include: Ham, German Potato
Salad, Dinner Rolls, Corn, Applesauce,
Coleslaw, Pumpkin or Apple Pie

Cost: \$ 12.00/per meal

Thank you for supporting “Our Church’s Wider Mission”